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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICANT: David E. Mouton

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EXAMINER: Walker, Zakiya Nicole

FOR: "Tension Multiplier Jar Apparatus and Method of Operation"

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO.: A03138US (52004.5)

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**RESPONSE**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is a response to the Office Action dated September 15, 2005. A shortened statutory period was set to expire three months from the date of the Office Action, making a response due by December 15, 2005. There are presently 35 claims pending in the case. Claims 17-20 and 31-35 are allowed. Claims 1, 2, 4-8, 10-15, 21-23, 26 and 28 are rejected. Claims 3, 9, 16, 24, 25, 27, 29 and 30 are objected to. Applicant is submitting this response in order to place the case in condition for allowance.

**AMENDMENT**

Please amend the application as follows (additions are underlined and deletions are shown in strikeout):